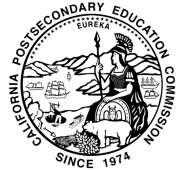


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**DRAFT – CPEC Research Topics/Priorities—2010**

**Items under consideration for CPEC-initiated research:**

*(note: first two items under #1 are definite; others are yet to be scoped out and prioritized)*

- 1) Enrollment Demand projections:
  - a) UC Demand projections
  - b) “The Complete Story” – summary of all three systems, findings and recommendations on policy questions
  - c) Regional projections for community colleges
  - d) Graduate enrollment projections—program planning and workforce needs
- 2) Workforce-related reports:
  - a) Study on budget impacts on program planning for workforce needs
  - b) Examination of how EDD’s workforce projections could be used in program planning
  - c) Census data – analysis of workforce/job needs vs. degrees held by workers (extension of prior report)
- 3) Master Plan – targeted reports on focus area topics (to be identified in conjunction with Joint Committee staff)
- 4) Capacity and affordability of independent institutions to absorb enrollment demand
- 5) Transfer issues – joint system efforts to increase success; potential data from independents.
- 6) How to improve time to degree
- 7) Higher education cost issues, including cost of instruction

**Required or responsive CPEC activities—all must be addressed**

- 1) Analysis, consultation on state budget and legislation, including commission budget
- 2) Support for legislative requests (workforce, LGBT, possibly more) and other external requests
- 3) Fiscal profiles (full update)
- 4) Program Review and related
  - a) Program reviews – estimate 40 + (primarily CSU)
  - b) Facilities review—Orange Coast College (current); anticipate 4-5 additional
  - c) Response to LAO reports on program review and coordination
- 5) LAO coordination report (upcoming)
- 6) Annual fee report--total costs/comparisons with other states
- 7) Coordination of longitudinal data initiatives
- 8) Participation in SB 187 implementation (decentralization)
- 9) Database management